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My name is Jonathan Den Haan and I am a Bend resident. As a Bend resident, I urge you to increase funding for the Oregon Community Paths program in HB 2025. With our city growing rapidly, we need safe, connected walking and biking routes so people of all ages and abilities can get where they need to go—especially since many in our community don't drive. Bike lanes are not enough - we need a network of separated facilities to make transportation by bike lower stress. This is the only way we will get more people on bikes. I myself am a very confident cyclist, but I will still go out of my way to avoid busy areas, even if they have bike lanes. That is because bike lanes are just paint, they offer no protection or priority for active transportation and they do not make me feel much safer at all. Investing in multi-modal infrastructure isn't just smart planning, it's essential for a livable, sustainable Bend.